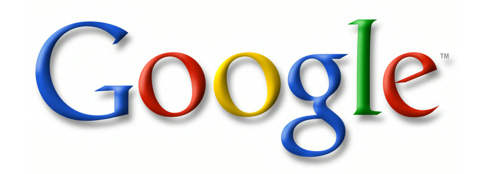




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Marburg, im März 1893.

W. V.

LE BONE FLORENCE OF ROME.

1

As ferre as men ryde or gone [225[c] Z. 3 [S. 1
A more chyualrous town þen Troy was oon
Jn londe was neu*yr* seen
Nor bett*ur* knyȝtys þen came of hyt
5 Jn all thys worlde was neu*yr* ȝyt
For bothe hardy and kene
Then came oon hyght awdromoche
The furste byger of Anteoche
And enhabyted cuntreys clene
10 Antenowre was of þat barmeteme
And was fownder of Jerusalem
That was wyght w*yth* owtyn wene

2

Helemytes hyght the thryd troyon [S. 2
And was a stronge man of blode *and* bone
15 That fro Troye came to Awfryke
Eneas be schyp gate to Rome
The chefe Cyte of Crystendome
Then was ther none hyt lyke
Vn to þe tyme þ*at* þe Emp*er*owre s*yr* Garcy
20 Werryd on hyt and herkenyth why
That many a oon sore can syke

15. Troy *R.* — 19. emperowr *R.*

Of Costantyne þe nobull was he
A doghtyar knyght þar not be
    Jn batell for to stryke

3

25 Another Emp*er*owre reygned at Rome
Syr Otes þe grawnt hyght þ*at* gome
    That wyght was vndur schylde
A feyre lady he had to wyfe
That on a day loste hur lyfe
30 That worthy was to welde [225 d
And dyed of a maydyn chylde
That aftur waxe boþe meke *and* mylde
    So fayre was seen but selde

4

Whan þe Emp*er*ys was dedd
35 The Emp*er*owre was wylde of redd
    He gart crysten thys chylde bryȝt
And callyd hur florens þys maydyn feyre [S. 3
Boþ*e* hys doȝtyr *and* hys heyre
    Jn þys worlde was not soche a wyȝt
40 Wolde ye lythe y schoulde yow telle
Of þe wondurs þat there befelle
    A bowte in cuntreys ryght
For þre dayes hyt reyned blode
And besty*s* faght as þey were wode
45 Bothe wylde *and* tame w*yth* myght

5

Fowlys in the fyrmament
Eyther odur in sondur rente
    And felle dedd to þe grownde
Hyt sygnyfyed þat aftur come
50 Grete trybulac*y*ons vn to Rome
    Schulde many a man confownde
As was for þ*at* maydyn small

Owte takyn Troye *and* Rownsevall
Was neu*yr* in þys worlde rownde
55 Syr Otes þe nobull Emp*er*owre
Gart norysch þe chylde w*yth* honowre
And kept hur hole and sownde

6

He set to scole that damysell
Tyll sche cowde of þe boke telle
60 And all thynge dyscrye
Be þ*at* she was xv yere olde [S. 4
Wel she cowde as men me tolde
Of harpe and sawtrye
All hur bewteys for to neuyn
65 Myght no man vndur heuyn
For sothe nomore may J [226[a]
To mykyll bale was sche borne
And many a man slayn hur forne
And in grete batels can dye

7

70 When s*yr* Garcy herde seye
That þe Emp*er*owre of Rome had soche a may
To hys doghtur dere
He waxe hasty as the fyre
And gart sembyll þ*e* lord*ys* of hys empyre
75 That bolde and hardy were
He seyde ofte haue ye blamed me
For y wolde not weddyd bee
Y have herde of a clere
Florens þat ys feyre *and* bryght
80 Jn all þys worlde ys not soche a wyȝt
Y wyll hur haue to my fere

53. Troy *R.* — 61. 62. sche *R.* — 74. empyr *R.*

8

As þe Romans trewly tolde
He was a hundurd yerys olde
And some boke seyth mare
85 He was arayed in ryche parell [S. 5
Of sylke *and* golde w*yth* owtyn fayle
All whyte was hys hare
He seyde syrs wendyþ ouyr þe see
And bydd þe Emp*er*owre of Rome se*n*de me
90 Hys doghtur swete and sware
And yf he any gruchyng make
Many a crowne y schall gare crake
And bodyes to drowpe *and* dare

9

Hys flesche trembylde for grete elde
95 Hys blode colde hys body vnwelde
Hys lyppes blo for thy
He had more mystyr of a gode fyre
Of bryght brondys brennyng schyre
To beyke hys boones by
100 A softe bath a warme bedd
Then any maydyn for to wedd
And gode encheson why
For he was bresyd *and* all to brokyn [226b
Ferre t*ra*uelde in harnes *and* of warre wrokyn
105 He tolde them redylye

10

When ye haue þe maydyn broght
That ys so feyre *and* worthely wroght
Sche schall lygg be my syde
And taste my flankys w*yth* hur honde [S. 6
110 That ys so feyre y vndurstonde
Yn bedde be me to byde

92. gar *R.*

Sche schall me boþe hodur *and* happe
And in hur louely armes me lappe
Bothe euyn and morne tyde
115 Byd hur Fadur sende hur to me
Or y schall dystroye hym *and* hys cyte
And þorow hys remes ryde

11

A prowde garson þ*at* hyght acwrye
He was borne in ytalye
120 The Emp*er*owre aftur hym sende
And forty lord*ys* wryttes w*yth* ynne
That were comyn of nobull kynne
Jn message for to wende
And forty stedys w*yth* þem he sente
125 Chargyd w*yth* golde for a presente
And say hym as my frende
That y grete wele s*yr* Otes þe graunt
And byd hym sende me hys doght*ur* aveaunt
That ys curtes and hende

12

130 He cawsyd þem to hye as þey were wode
Wyth schyppes soone in to þe flode
They rechyd ouyr the depe
Spaynysch stedys w*yth* þem þey ledd [S. 7
And cloþys of golde for back *and* hedd
135 That men myght vndur slepe
Aye the wynde was in the sayle
Ou*yr* fomes þey flett w*yth* owtyn fayle
The wethur þem forþe can swepe
The furste hauyn þat eu*yr* þey hente
140 Was a towne þey calde awt*re*ment [226c
That folke þem feyre can kepe

124. stedes *R.* — 128. his *R.* avenaunt *R.*

13

Soon ther tresowre vp they drowe
And ther stedys strong y nowe
And made ther schyppys tome
145 They lefte a burges feyre *and* wheme
All ther schyppys for to ȝeme
Vn to ther gayne come
They passed þorow pole *and* chaw*m*payn
Euyr speryng ther gatys gayne
150 Vn to the cyte of Rome
They entyrde yn at þe ȝatys wyde
Full ryally þorow þe cyte þey ryde
And dredyd no wrang dome

14

Thes xl^ti messengerys as y yow say
155 Euery oon rode in feyre array
Ther sadyls schone full bryght
Ther brydyls glyt*er*yng all of golde [S. 8
Ther was neu*yr* frescher vpon molde
Made be day nor nyght
160 A stede of spayne y vndurstande
Euery lorde ledd in hys hande
Bothe full prest and wyght
All was couyrde w*yth* redd sendell
The caryage be hynde as y yow telle
165 Came wyth þe tresur ryght

15

Thorow þe towne þe knyght*ys* sange
And eu*yr* þer bryght brydyls range
Makeyng swete mynstralcy
Lordys and ladyes of grete astate
170 And odur many well y wate
At wyndows owt can lye

149. gane *R.* — 154. The *R.*

And eu*yr* þe formast speryd þ*e* wayes
Vn to þe Emp*er*owrs paleys
Full ryall was that crye
175 Feyre þey were resseyuyd thore [226 d
W*yth* hym þ*at* was full wyse of lore
Hys doghtur sate hym bye

16

Jn a robe ryght ryall bowne
Of a redd syclatowne
180 Be hur Fadur syde
A coronell on hur hedd sett [S. 9
Hur cloþys w*yth* best*ys and* byrd*ys* were bete
All a bowte for pryde
The lyghtnes of hur ryche perre
185 And þe bryghtnes of hur blee
Schone full wondur wyde
There were kyng*ys* in that halle
Erlys *and* dewkys who rekenyth all
Full a hundurd that tyde

17

190 Thes xl[ti] messengerys at ones
Entyrd in to þes worthy wones
And came in to the halle
Syr Acvrye haylsyd þe Emp*er*owre
And hys doghtyr whyte as flowre
195 That feyrest was of all
He askyd of whens þ*at* þey myght bee
Of costantyne þe nobull are we
Feyre s*yr*rys mote yow be falle
A p*re*sent we haue broght in hye
200 Fro owre Emp*er*owre s*yr* Garcy
Stedys in to thy stalle

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176. him *R.* — 182. wer *R.* — 191. Entyre *R.* — 193. Acwrye haylsed *R.* — 194. floure *R.*

18

And xl horsys chargyd ryght
W*yth* cloþys of golde *and* besawnt*ys* bryght
Jn to thy tresory
205 He byddyth w*yth* owte avysement [S. 10
That þy doghtur be to hym sent
For to lygg hym by
Hys body ys bresyd hys bones are olde
That sche may kepe hym fro þ*e* colde
210 Haue done now hastelye
Jn comely cloþyng sche shall be cledd
J haue grete hope he wyll hur wedd [227 a
Sche ys a feyre lady

19

And yf þou sende hur not soone
215 Hastelye wyth owten wone
Then ryseth ther a stryfe
Ellys wyll he nygh þe nere
Wyth hys ryche powere
And feche hur as hys wyfe
220 He wyll dystroye þy bygly landys
And slee all þ*at* before hym standys
And lose full many a lyfe
Haue done he seyde hastelye in hye
An answere muste we gyf Garcy
225 At home when we can ryve

20

The Emp*er*owre seyde as a man hende
Ye schall haue an answere or ye wende
And calde þe steward hym tylle
The ȝonder knyght*ys* to chawmbur ye lede [S. 11
230 Of all thynge that they haue nede
Serue them at ther wylle

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211. schall *R.*

They are s*yr* Garcys messengerys
And go we to owre cowncell perys
    And leue them bydyng stylle
235 To loke what beste ys for to doo
Soche tyþyngys ys comyn vs too
    Loke whedur we wyll fulfylle

21

The Emp*er*owre hys doghtur be þ*e* hande hent
And to a chaumbur they wente
240 Hys cowncell aftur hym ȝede
And askyd yf sche wolde sent þ*er* tylle
For to be at syr Garcyes wylle
    And sche seyde Jh*es*u for bede
Sche seyde be god þ*at* boght me dere
245 Me had leuyr þe warste bachylere
    Jn all my Fadurs thede
Then for to lye be hys bresyd boones
When he coghyth *and* oldely grones [227 b
    J can not on hys lede

22

250 Hur Fadur lykyd hur wordys wele
So dud hys cowncell euery dele
    And blessyd hur for hur sawe
They seyde yf that Garcy come [S. 12
Jn euyll tyme he hedur nome
255 Hedurward for to drawe
The garsons be not so doghtye
But mony of þem soone schall dye
    Yf we to gedur plawe
Go we hens owre redd ys tane
260 Odur cowncell kepe we nane
    Be ryght nodur be lawe

23

The Emp*er*owre came in to þe halle
The messengerys had etyn all
And stode to byde an answare
265 He seyde syrs wendyth hame
For here schall ye haue no g*a*me
God for bede hyt so ware
Take the tresowr þat ye broght
But my doghtur gete ye noght
270 For all yowre bostefull fare
We schall stonde owre chawnce vn to
Whedur he come or not so do
Full mekyll we schall not care

24

Then Acurye can say
275 Jn the begynnyng of maye
My lorde wyll buske hym to ryde
And take the somer before hym clene [S. 13
And dystroye thy londys all be deene
Who ys he þat schall hym byde
280 Then answeryd s*yr* Egraveyne
We schall founde to knok a geyne
For all hys grete pryde
The Emp*er*owre comawndyd no man schulde do [227c
Harme the messengerys vn to
285 They toke ther leue that tyde

25

Than the messengerys all to gedur
W*yth* þe tresowre þ*at* þey broȝt thedur
Went home a gayne
Also tyte as s*yr* Garcy sawe
290 Wyt ye well he lyste not to lawe
But mornyd in mode *and* mayne

266. gme *Hs.* — 276. will *R.* — 286. Then *R.* — 287. browght *R.*

Alther furste he toke hym tome
To spere the Estyrs of Rome
To telle hym acurye was fayne
295 Syr hyt ys feyre bygged w*yth* halles *and* bowrys
We tolde the vij hundurd towrys
So Cryste me saue and sayne

26

And ther lorde s*yr* Otes the gr*a*unt
W*yth* mekyll worschyp þey hym avaunt
300 Of curtesye he ys the welle
And ther to trewe as any stele [S. 14
For þy s*yr* men loue hym wele
Mony wyth hym to dwelle
He ys bothe ware and wyse
305 And geuyth þem gyftys of pryce
The certen sothe to telle
And hys doghtur þe feyrest þynge
That eu*yr* was seen wolde or ȝynge
Made of flesche and felle

27

310 Thogh a man sate on a wyght palfreye
All the longe somers day
A vysyd myght he be
For to ryde Rome a bowte
And come yn where he went owt
315 Hyt were a grete yurne
Euery day in the yere
The feyre ys þere lyke playnere
Amonge the folke so free
Syxty dewkys are calde hys perys [227[d]
320 And twenty þousande bachyleres
Longyth to that cyte

292. come *R.* — 310. palfraye *R.* — 314. wher *R.* wente *R.*

28

Of þe Emp*er*owrs pales y wyll yow say
Ther ys no soche in þ*e* worlde to day
  Stondyng vndur heuyn
325 The pyllers þ*at* stonde in þe halle [S. 15
Are dentyd w*yth* golde *and* clere crystalle
  And ther to feyre and euyn
They are fyllyd w*yth* sylu*yr* as c*ry*ste me cou*er*
And þere ys peyntyd w*yth* ynne *and* ouer
330 The dedly synnes seuyn
There was peyntyd w*yth* þyng*ys* sere
That men myȝt mewse on many a yer*e*
  Or he hyt scryed w*yth* steuyn

29

There comyth watur in a condyte
335 Thorow a lyon rennyth hyt
  That wroght ys all of golde
And þ*at* standyþ in þ*e* myddys of þ*e* halle
A hundurd knyȝt*ys* *and* ladyes smalle
  Myght wasche there *and* þey wolde
340 All at ones on that stone
Many oþer waturs come þorow þ*e* town
  That fresche are vpon folde
Jn myddys þe cyte ys oon rennande
Tyger hyt hyght y vndurstande
345 As men there vs tolde

30

The effect of Rome y haue yow tolde
And of þe beste barons bolde
  That lygge there w*yth* ynne
But of þe feyrenes of þe maye [S. 16
350 J can not telle mony a day
  Ne noght y wyll be gynne

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328. cou . ., 332. yer . , *Rest durch Einbinden verdeckt, Hs.* — 329. ther *R.* peynted *R.* — 347. best *R.*

But s*yr* he seyde also mote y the
Thyn eyen mon sche neu*yr* see
To welde ȝyt nodur to wynne
355 Full grete othys Garcy hath sworne [228 a
Many a þousand schall dye þerforne
Or y of my brethe blynne

31

Or þre monythys *and* a halfe be gone
I schall dystroye hys land*ys* euerychon
360 And wynne hys doghtur w*yth* were
Then he made to sende owt wrytt*ys* wyde
In hys londe on euery syde
Messengerys can them bere
And Florence Fadur at hame
365 Ordeygned hys men on the same
Wyth armowre schylde and spere
And þus begynneth a bale to brewe
Many a man therfore myght rewe
And wemen hyt dud grete dere

32

370 Syxty þousand sembelde þen
Of garsons *and* of odur men
To Garcy in that stownde
They set vp seylys *and* forþ*e* þey rode [S. 17
And ay hym selfe w*yth* owten bode
375 The formaste forthe can fownde
Syxty myle fro Rome ryved they
Hyt went nere on þe thrydd day
Ther was not oon drowned
They tyght þer pavylons in a stede
380 The brode felde waxe all redd
So glemed golde on þe grownde

366. With *R.*

33

The medowe was callyd narumpy [380
The water of Tyber rennyng by
There Garcyes pavylon stode
385 All þe cloþys were of sylke
The ryche ropys were ryȝt swylke
The boosys were redd as blode
Ther was no beest þat yede on fote
But hyt was portreyed þere y wote
390 Nor Fysches swymmyng in flode
Fyftene pomels of golde þere schoon [228 b
An Egyll and a charbokull stone [390
Wyde the lyghtnes ȝode

34

The Emp*er*owre of Rome lay on hys walle
395 And hys doghtur gente and small
Florence the feyre sche hyght
And sye the garsons assay þer stedys [S. 18
Sterne men in stele wedys
The medowe all can lyght [400
400 He seyde y haue golde y nogh plente
And sowdears wyll come to me
Bothe be day and nyght
Now schall y neu*yr* my golde spare
But faste vpon þys warre hyt ware
405 God helpe me in my ryght

35

The kynge of Hungary þat tyme was dedd
And lefte hys sonnes wylde of redd
Syr Mylys and s*yr* Emere
Ther modur was weddyd to a stedd
410 A genste all the baronage redd
As ye schall further here

394. his *R.* — 399. medow *R.*

To a lorde that wonnyd there by [410
Syr Justamownde of surry
That sterne was to stere
415 The kynge of naverne toke þes chyldur two
And made þem knyghtys bothe tho
And manhode can them lere

36

Tyll hyt felle oones on a day
They wente to a medowe to playe
420 To lerne them for to ryde
Syr Emere bare in hys schylde [S. 19
A whyte dowve who so be helde
A blakk lyon be syde
The whyte dowve sygnyfyed
425 That he was full of knyght hedd
And mekenes at that tyde
The lyon *þat* he was ferse and felle [228c
Amonge hys enmyes for to dwelle
And durste beste in batell byde

37

430 A wery palmer came þem by
And seyde s*yr*rys y haue ferly
That ye wyll not fare
J haue bene at grete Rome
To seke seynt petur *and* thens y come
435 Straunge tythyngys harde y thare
Ther ys an Emp*er*owre *þat* hyght Garcy
Js logyd in the Narumpy
Wyth syxty thousande *and* mare
He seyth þe Emp*er*owre of Rome schall not leue
440 But yf he to hym hys doghtur geue
That ys so swete of sware

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422. dowve, *korrigirt aus* dowbe, *Hs.* — 434. seynte *R.* — 440. geue, *korrigirt aus* ȝeue, *Hs.*

38

Than syr Mylys and s*yr* Emere
Toke wyth them forty in fere
    That were comyn of gentyll kynne
445 To grete Rome euyn they rode   [S. 20
And at a burges hows a bode
    And there they toke ther ynne
They speryd of þer oste *and* þer ostes
Of þer tythyngys more *and* lesse
450   Or euyr they wolde blynne
They fownde hyt as þe palmer tolde
They seyde w*yth* Otes dwelle þey wolde
    Whedur hyt were to lose or wynne

39

Fyve thousande on þe morne Garcy sent
455 Of hys men verament
    Wele arayed in ther gere
As nere as þey durste for dowte
Fyfty of them yssewed owte
    For to juste in werre
460 That sawe s*yr* mylys *and* Emere
W*yth* þer ferys bothe in fere
    They thoght them for to feere
They passyd owt at a posterne   [228[d]
Os men þat schoulde of batayle lerne
465   Wyth armowre schylde and spere

40

Thes fyfty had for justed soone
And slewe þem down w*yth* owten mone
    All that wolde a byde
Oon came prekyng owt of þ*e* prees   [S. 21
470 To s*yr* Emere euyn he chese
    But soone was fellyd hys pryde

455. v *und erster Strich von* e *vor* men *ausgestrichen Hs.*

Syr Emere reysyd hys spere on hyȝt [470
Thorow þe body he bare þe knyght
And downe he felle that tyde
475 Than þey faght hande ouyr hedd
Many oon þere þer lyuys leuydd
That came on Garcyes syde

41

The Emp*er*owre of Rome lay on hys wall
And hys doghtur gent *and* small
480 Florence feyre and free
Sche seyde Fadur w*yth* mylde steuyn
To vs ys comyn helpe fro heuyn [480
Fro god in mageste
Yondur ys a nobull knyght
485 That styrryth hym styfly in þ*e* fyght
Be holde and ye may see
W*yth* þe whyte dowve *and* þe blak lyon
The beste þ*at* comeþ he strykeþ down
Helpe that he rescowde bee

42

490 The Emp*er*owre calde s*yr* Egravayne
And s*yr* Sampson þat was hym gayne
Armed well and ryght
A hundurd men w*yth* þem he toke [S. 22
Vp they lepe so seyth þe boke
495 On stedys stronge and wyght
All þat were lefte onslayne
Fledd vn to þer strenkyþ agayne
Hyt was a semely syght
Then swere Garcy in full grete yre [229[a]
500 That he wolde brenne all Rome w*yth* fyre
On the morne yf that he myght

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475. hand *R.* hevydd *(Konjektur) R.*

43

Then s*yr* Mylys and s*yr* Emere
Wyth þer forty felows in fere
Come the Emp*er*owre beforne
505 They salutyd hym full ryally
And hys doghtur þ*at* stode hym by
He askyd where they were borne
They answeryd hym full curteslye
We were þe kyng*ys* sonnes of Hungary
510 Owre Fadur hys lyfe hath lorne
And hedur are we come to the
As sowdears yf mystyr bee
We speke hyt not in skorne

44

God *and* seynt petur of Rome
515 Ȝylde yow yowre hedur come
The Emp*er*owre can sey
So doghtely as ye haue be gonne [S. 23
Was neuer men vndur þe sonne
So lykyng to my paye
520 Then þe maydyn þankyd þem efte
He þem w*yth* helde w*yth* þem þey lefte
To mete then wente thay
The Emp*er*owre set s*yr* Mylys hym by
Emere cowde more of curtesye
525 And he ete w*yth* the maye

45

Sche þoght hym a full curtes knyȝt
Feyre yonge semely and wyght
Hur harte to hym can ȝylde
Syr Mylys seyde þe Emp*er*owre too
530 And ye wolde at my councell doo
Ye schoulde not fyght in fylde

But close þe ȝatys *and* þe bryggys vp drawe
And kepe vs clene owt of þer awe
And owre wepons wyghtly welde
535 And kepe þe town boþe nyght *and* day
Tyl þey be wery *and* wende a way [229b
Syr Emere hym be helde

46

Emere seyde Mylys vn to
So myght a sympull grome do
540 Kepe an holde wyth ynne
But we wyll manly to þe felde [S. 24
And syr Garcy batell ȝelde
To morne or þat we blynne
Then þey made crye þorow þe Cyte
545 That no man schoulde so hardy bee
That waryson wolde wynne
But folowe þe standarde where hyt goys
And freschly fyght vpon owre foys
Bothe the more and the mynne

47

550 Than syr Garcy wyth mekyll pryde
Made to crye þe same on hys syde
Amonge the barons bolde
The kynge of Turkay he seyde than
Thou art a full madde man
555 And fayleste wyt for elde
Syr Otes þe graunt hath noght gylte
Let therfore no blode be spylte
For hym that all schall welde
Nay he warnyd me hys doghtur schene
560 And þat hath tymberde all my teene
Full dere hyt schall be selde

547. standard wher *R.* — 554. fulle *R.*

48

A Roman stode be syde and harde
To þe towne full soone he farde
And tolde the Emperowre
565 The maydyn mylde vp sche rase [S. 25
W*yth* knyght*ys* *and* ladyes feyre of face
And wente vn to a towre
There sche sawe ryght in þe feldys
Baners brode and bryght scheldys
570 Of cheualry the flowre
They nowmberde þem xl M[l] men
And a hundurd moo þen hur fadur had þen
That were ryght styffe in stowre

49

Allas seyde that maydyn clere [229c
575 Whedur all þe ȝonde folke *and* þere
Schoulde dye for my sake
And y but a sympull woman
The terys on hur chekys ranne
Hur ble be ganne to blake
580 Put me owt to olde Garcy
Yf all þes men schulde for me dye
Hyt were a dolefull wrake
Hur Fadur seyde hyt schulde not bee
Hors and armowre askyd hee
585 And soone hys swyrde can take

50

He lepe on hys stede bandynere
And in hys honde he hent a spere
And rode a bowte all nyght
To the lordys of the towne [S. 26
590 And bad þey schulde be redy bowne
Tymely to the fyght

They set þer standard in a chare
And feele folke w*yth* hyt can fare
That hardy were and wyght
595 Syxe lordys and s*yr* Egravayne
To be all ther chefe tayne
And kepe hyt well and ryght

51

The standarde was of whyte yvar
A dragon of golde ordeygned þerfore
600 That on the ouyr ende stode
That sygnyfyed that Otes ware
Jn the felde as bolde as any bare
And a sterne man of mode
The vawe warde *and* þe myddyll soone
605 And þe rerewarde owte of Rome
The grete oost remouyd and ȝode
Be then had Garcy takyn hys place
And soone w*yth* ynne a lytyll space
Ranne bowrnes all on blode

52

610 Than s*yr* Otes þe gr*a*unt can calle
On herawde *and* hys knyghtys all
Jn myddys of the prees [229[d]
Who so beryth hym beste to day [S. 27
A geyne s*yr* Garcy as y yow say
615 That wyrkyth me þys vn pees
J schall geue hym a feyre flowre
Of grete Rome to be Emp*er*owre
Aftur my dyssees
And wedde Florens my doght*ur* bryȝt
620 As y am trewe crysten knyght
Certen wyth owtyn lees

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598. yvore **K*.

53

Syr Emere askyd hys lorde þe kynge
Yf he myght haue þe furste rydynge
And he grauntyd hym tylle
625 Owt of Garcyes oost came oon
A prowde Garson hyght bresebon
A wykkyd man of wylle
When s*yr* Emere w*yth* hym mett
A stronge dynte on hym he sett
630 Thorow hys armowre stylle
He fonde no socowre at hys schylde
But dedd he felle downe in þe fylde
Hys harte blode can owte spylle

54

Be þ*at* þe grete oost be gan to sembyll
635 Trumpes to blowe *and* stedys to trembyll
Harde to gedur they yede
Ryche harburgens all to ruschede [S. 28
And stele helmes all to dusched
And bodyes brake owt to blede
640 Hedys hopped vndur hors fete
As hayle stones done in þe strete
Styckyd was many a stede
For Florence loue þ*at* feyre maye
Many a doghty dyed that day
645 In Romance as we rede

55

Then s*yr* Garcy w*yth* mekyll pryde
Made knyghtys on hys own syde
Syxty yonge and feyre
The warste of þer Fadurs were barons [230[a]
650 And oght bothe towres *and* townes
And all were they ryght heyre

When Emere *and* hys men w*yth* þem mett
Stronge dyntys on them he sett
Among þem can they store
655 At þe furste wynnyng of þer schone
So tyte of lyuys were they done
That all deryd not a pere

56

Then Garcy yede nere wode for yre
And arayed hys batels in þ*at* bere
660 And fared as he wolde wede
He bad þer dynt*ys* schulde be wele wared [S. 29
That no Roman on lyue be spared
Thowe þey wolde rawnsome bede
A geyne hym came s*yr* Otes þe gr*a*unt
665 A doghty knyght and an aveaunt
On bondenore hys stede
When Garcy sye þat hyt was hee
He seyde s*yr*rys also mote y the
We two muste do owre dede

57

670 Thou art wele strekyn in age y trowe
But y am ferre elder then thou
We two muste juste in werre
Hyt ys sethyn y armyd ware
Seuyn yere and some dele mare
675 And eyther toke a spere
So harde to gedur can þey ryde
Owt of þer sadyls þey felle be syde
And graspyd to odur gere
W*yth* scharpe swyrdys faght þey þen
680 They had be two full doghty men
Gode olde fyghtyng was there

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670. 680. *fehlt Verszählung R.*

58

Garcy hyt Otes on the helme
That vpon hys hedd hyt can whelme
Hyt sate hym wondur sare
685 Syr w*yth* þys dynte y chalenge Rome [S. 30
And þy doghtur bryght as blome
That brewyd hath all thys care [230[b]
When þat y haue leyn hur by
And done hur schame *and* vylenye
690 Then wyll y of hur no mare
But geue hur to my chaumburlayne
Tho wordys made Otes vn fayne
And tyte he gaf an answare

59

God and seynt petur of thys towne
695 Let neu*yr* Rome come in thy bandome
And saue my doghtur sownde
Owre fyghtyng ys not endyd ȝyt
On the helme Garcy he hyt
That he felle to the grownde
700 There had s*yr* Garcy bene tane [710
But þer came Garsons many oon
And rescowed hym in þat stownde
Syr Emere horsyd hys lorde a gayne
And loouyd god he was not slayne
705 And faste to fyght they fownde

60

Syr Emere lokyd a lytyll hym fro
And sawe hys brodur suffur woo
Jn a stowre fyghtande
The grekys had fyred hym a bowte [S. 31
710 That he myght on no syde owte
But styffely can he stande

695. bandoune **R.* — 700. *als* 710 *bezeichnet, bei* 690. *und* 710. *fehlt Zählung R.* — 701. ane *(Konjektur) R.* — 702. rescowd *R.* — 707. suffer *R.*

He rescowde hym full knyghtly
Many a doghty made he to dye
    That he a bowte hym fande
715 Euyll quytt he hym hys mede
For Mylys was þe falsyst lede
    That euyr leuyd in lande

61

When he had rescowde hys brod*ur* Mylon
Of hys fomen came thretty bowne
720 Stelyng on hym stylle
All þer sperys on hym þey sett
He drewe hys swyrde *wyth* owten let
    And Mylys fledde to an hylle
He seyde brodur also mote y the
725 Thou schalt not be rescowde for me [230c
    Loke whedur that he dud ylle
But stryked yn at a nodur stowre
And mett hys lorde þe Emp*er*owre
    Layeng on wyth gode wylle

62

730 Mylys he seyde where ys þy brodur
At the deuyll quod the todur
    J trowe beste that he bee
He ys be lefte wyth s*yr* Garcy [S. 32
A geyn yow he tolde me why
735 He myght geve more then ye
Be god he seyde þat all may
He ys false that dar y lay
    Trewly trowe ye me
The Emp*er*owre lykyd hyt ylle
740 And leyde vpon *wyth* gode wylle
    Tyll he myght the sothe see

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719. camen *R.* — 735. *in* geve *das* v *aus (langem)* r ? *Hs.* — 737. dare *R.*

63

Forthe then lokyed þe Emp*er*owre
And sawe s*yr* Emere in a stowre
Fyghtyng a genste hys foys
745 He stroke þe stede w*yth* þe spurrys
He spared nodur rygge nor forows
But euyn to hym he goys
All that he a bowte hym fonde
He *and* hys men broght to grownde
750 That neuyr oon vp rose
And there was Mylys preuyd false
Wyth hym and odur lordys alse
And loste all hys gode lose

64

Than Emere toke harte hym too
755 Full doghtely then can he doo
Florence hym be helde
And tolde hur maydyns bryght of ble [S. 33
Jn the felde beste doyth he
W*yth* þe whyte dowve in hys schylde
760 And þer to the black lyon
Sche cryed to hym w*yth* grete sowne
Thou be my Fadurs belde
And þou schalt haue all thy desyre [230[d]
Me and all þys ryche Empyre
765 Aftur my Fadur to welde

65

When he harde þe maydyn bryght
Hys hedd he lyfte vpon hyght
The wedur waxe full hate
Hur Fadur nere hande can talme
770 Soche a sweme hys harte can swalme
For hete he waxe nere mate

742. lokyd *R.* — 759. yn *R.* — 760. lyoun *R.*

When that þey had so done
A quarell came fleyng soone
And thorow the hed hym smate
775 They sende aftur þe pope symonde
And he schrofe hym *and* hoselde on þ*at* grounde
And assoyled hym well y wate

66

As soone as þe Emp*er*owre ȝyldyd þe goost
A prowde garson came in haste
780 Syr synagote hyght hee
And broght an hundurd helmes bryght [S. 34
Of hardy men þ*at* cowde well fyght
Of felde wolde neu*yr* oon flee
Emere stroke in to that stowre
785 And many oon made he for to cowre
And slewe them be two *and* thre
Soone there aftur was he tane
And knyght*ys* kene wolde hym haue slayne
But ther souereygn bad let bee

67

790 Vn to s*yr* Garcy haue hym seen
J trowe hys lyfe he wyll hym leen
He ys so feyre a knyght
Leve we s*yr* Emere in the stowre
And speke more of the Emp*er*owre
795 How they on a bere hym dyght
And how þey broght hym to þ*e* towne
Wyth owten belle or procescon
Hyt was a drery syght
They layned hyt fro þer enmyes whyll þey myȝt
800 And fro Florence þ*at* worþy wyght
Hys own dere doghtur bryght [231[a]

777. wel *R.* — 778. gast **R.* — 797. procescoun *R.*

68

Soone þe standard yn þey dud lede
And baners bryȝt þ*at* brode dud sprede
The Romans lykyd ylle
805 And seyde þey schulde vpon þe morne [S. 35
Fyght w*yth* Garcy yf he had sworne
That hyely was on hylle
Florence lay in a cornell
And hur maydyns as y yow telle
810 That was curtes of wylle
They seyde men brynge yn a bere
And þat w*yth* a full mornyng chere
But all was hoscht and stylle

69

Then can feyre florence sayne
815 Ȝondur ys be gonne an euyll bargayn
Y see men brynge a bere
And a knyght in handys leede
Bondynowre my Fadurs stede
Then all chawngyd hur chere
820 Sche and hur maystres Awdygon
Went in to þe halle allone
Allone wyth owten fere
And caste vp þe cloþe þen was hyt so
The lady swowned *and* was full woo
825 Ther myght no man hur stere

70

Allas sche seyde þ*at* y was borne
My Fadur for me hys lyfe haþ lorne
Garcy may haue hys wylle
All my brode landys and me [S. 36
830 That y. welde in crystyante
Ther myght no man hur stylle

830. yn *R*.

Lordys *and* ladyes þ*at* þere ware
Tyll hur chaumbur can they fare
Lorde that them lykyd ylle
835 Knyght*ys* *and* squyers þ*at* þere was
Wrange þer hondys *and* seyde allas
For drede sche schulde hur spylle

71

Dewkys *and* Erles þer hondys wronge
And lordys sorowe was full stronge [231 b
840 Barons myght haue no roo
Who schall vs now geue lond*ys* or lythe
Hawkys or hownd*ys* or stedys stythe
As he was wonte to doo
Syr Garcy went crowlande for fayne
845 As rampande eyen do in þe rayne
When tythyng*ys* came hym too
He bad hys men schulde make þem bowne
And hastelye go stroye vp þe towne
My byddyng that ye doo

72

850 Slo þem down where ye þem mete
And fyre fasten in euery strete
Loke now that taste
J schall wyrke as haue y yoye [S. 37
As kynge Maynelay dud be troye
855 And stroye hyt at the laste
When þey harde þ*at* were w*yth* ynne
To þe ȝatys can they wynne
And barryd them full faste
And they w*yth* owte yngynes bende
860 And stones to þe walles þey sende
And quarels wyth alablaste

843. wont *R.* — 854. kyng *R.*

73

They w*yth* ynne wolde haue gone owte
Ther souereygn marred þem for dowte
And made þem to kepe ther holde
865 They sygned to þe ȝatys of þe towne
An hundurd men in armes bowne
That hardy were and bolde
The pope came w*yth* owten delyte
And enteryd the Emp*er*owre tyte
870 They wepte bothe ȝonge and olde
The boke seyþ god þ*at* vs boght
Many myrakyls for hur he wroght
Many a oon and thyck folde

74

So longe logyd the sege there
875 That þey w*yth* ynne nere famysched were
Euyll lyfe can they lede [231c
They were not ordeygned þerfore [S. 38
They had golde in warme store
But mete was þem full nede
880 All þey cowncelde Florence to take
Oon of thes lordys to be hur make
That doghty were of dede
For mayntene and vpholde
A gayne s*yr* Garcy þ*at* burne bolde
885 The towne leuyth all in drede

75

And Awdegone hur cowncelde soo
Oon of thes lordys for to too
Syr Mylys or s*yr* Emere
And let hym wedde yow w*yth* a rynge
890 Ther Fadur was a ryche kynge
Knowyn bothe farre and nere

866. An *angeblich für* And **R.*, *doch* An *Hs.* — 883. For to mayntene **R.*

Ye but now ys s*yr* Emere tane
And Garcys men haue hym slayne
Seyde that maydyn clere
895 Ye be hove to haue a nodur
Take Mylys þat ys hys eldyst brodur
Hyt ys my cowncell w*yth* owten were

76

To s*yr* Mylys Awdegon went
And askyd yf he wolde assent
900 To wedde that maydyn free
That ys whyte as lylly flowre [S. 39
And be lorde and Emp*er*owre
The grettyst in Crystyante
But god for bede *and* seynt myghell
905 That þ*ou* vndurtake hyt but þ*ou* do well
And trewe man thynke to bee
To hys speche answeryd he noght
But stylle he stode *and* hym be þoght
And seyde y schall avyse me

77

910 Avyse þe seyde þ*at* maydyn feyre
For to be my Fadurs heyre
Lyghtly may y thynke [231[d]
Be hym þ*at* suffurde woundys fyve
J schall neuyr be thy wyfe
915 To suffur dethys dynte
Kyngys and Dewkys haue me askyd
And all þer lond*ys* wolde haue geue me at þ*e* laste
And many a ryall thynke
Forþe he yede w*yth* syghyng *and* care
920 That he had geuyn þ*at* fowle answare
For sorowe nere wolde he synke

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903. yn *R.* — 904. for *gestrichen nach* But *Hs.* — 907. hys, *nachtr. korr. in* hyr (*oder* thys), *R.*

78

Thys whyle had synagot takyn Emere
And broȝt hym be fore s*yr* Garcy in fere
And seyde we haue tane a knyght
925 A genste yow fyghtyng in þe stowre [S. 40
We refte hym hors and armowre
But he ys an hardy wyght
Felowe he seyde what dyd þ*ou* there
Syr w*yth* my lorde on þe to were
930 That now to dedd ys dyght
As sowdears my brodur and y
We haue noght ellys to leue by
Owre fadur for dyd owre ryght

79

Syr Phelyp of Hungary owre fad*ur* was
935 Now ys he dedd therfore allas
Owre modur weddyd ys newe
Jn to Surry to s*yr* Justamownde
That ys a bowte vs to confownde
And owre bytter bales to brewe
940 He hath dysheryted vs w*yth* owt lees
That we had leuyr warre nor pees
Per chawnce þ*at* may hym rewe
Syr Synagot cowncelde s*yr* Garcy soo
Syr delyu*yr* hym qwyte *and* let hym goo
945 He semyth couenawnt *and* trewe

80

Than answeryd s*yr* Garcy
When y toke trewage of Turky [232 a
Thy Fadur in stede stode me
Therfore y schall let the goo [S. 41
950 And geue hym all ye toke hym fro
Emere knelyd on hys knee

949. schal *R.*

Syr when y come in to þe towne
J and my men muste be bowne
To greue bothe thyn and the
955 Ye godys forbode þat þou spare
But of þy warste wylle eu*yr* mare
Garcy thus seyde he

81

What wenyst þ*ou* w*yth* þy bragg *and* boost
For to dystroye me *and* myn hoost
960 He toke hys leue and yede
Syr synagot gaue hym all to gedur
Be þe leste þonge þat he bare þedur
Emere lepe on hys stede
He ledd hym þorow þe pavylons all
965 Tyll he came nere to Romes walle
And paste the moost drede
Than þey w*yth* ynne were full fayne
That þey had getyn þe gome a gayne
Ther blysse be ganne to brede

82

970 And a gayne *syr* Emere they went
And broght hym before þ*at* lady gente
And askyd yf he wolde
Wedde the beste of hur elde [S. 42
And all hur londys for to welde
975 A geyne Garcy to holde
And helpe to venge hur Fadurs dedd
He dud ryght as the lady bedd
That hardy was and bolde
He seyde preuely muste me do
980 Tyll þe baronage be sworne vs to
Bothe the yonge and the olde

954. thee *R.* — 955. forbode, *nachtr. korr., R.* — 957. sayde *R.* — 962. on *in* þonge *durch Loch oben unvollständig Hs.* — 975. Agayne *R.*

83

Syr Sampson *and* syr Egravayne
Syr Clamadore *and* syr Alayne [232 b
Wyste of that bargen newe
985 They went aftur syr Geffrey of pyse
And syr Barnarde of mownt devyse
Tho syxe were gode and trewe
They made þem to swere þey schulde be lele
And syr Emers counsell heyle
990 And Florence feyre of hewe
Thus he tylleþ þem be fowre *and* fyve
All þey had sworne to hym be lyve
Then Mylys hym selfe can rewe

84

The pope came as ye may here
995 For to crowne syr Emere
And them wyth a rynge
Sche seyde now are ye Emperowre of Rome [S. 43
The grettyst lorde in Crystendome
And hedd of euery kynge
1000 Ȝyt schall ye neuyr in bedde me by
Tyl ye haue broght me syr Garcy
For no maner of thynge
Or lefte hym in þe felde for dedd
Be hym y sawe in forme of bredd
1005 When þe preest can synge

85

Emere the Emperowre can say
J schall do all that y may
But charge me wyth no mare
Then þey wysche *and* to mete be gone
1010 Of mynstralcy we kepe none
We haue no space to spare

986. Barnard *R.* — 996. And [wedd] them *R.*

Nodur harpe Fedyll nor geest
But ordeygn yow w*yth* moost *and* leest
That wyth me wyll fare
1015 And brynge my stede bondynere
And feche me forþe boþe schylde *and* spere
Full tyte þen were þey thare

86

Than was there no lenger bode
But vp þey lepe *and* forthe þey rode [232 c
1020 To preke aftur ther praye
When worde came to s*yr* Garcy [S. 44
A sory man was he for thy
That weddyd was þat may
That was whyte as lylly flowre
1025 And s*yr* Emere crowned Emp*er*owre
Allas then can he say
That eu*yr* y let þat traytur goo
When he was in my bandome soo
Me dawyd a drery day

87

1030 Ther was lefte no man in þ*at* town
To kepe the lady of renowne
That was of temporalte
That myght w*yth* ony wepon wyrke
Owt takyn men of holy kyrke
1035 At home they let them bee
They be ganne at þe nerre syde
And slewe down all þ*at* wolde a byde
Trewly trowe ye me
On felde þey faght as þey were wode
1040 Ouyr þe bentys ranne the blode
All tho dyed that wolde not flee

1028. bandoune **K*.

88

Then on the felde þey freschely faght
Many oon ther dethe there caght
That came on Garcyes syde
1045 Syr Garcy toke hym to the fyght [S. 45
W*yth* an hundurd in harnes bryght
He durste no lenger byde
Of all þe men he þedur broght
Many on lyue leuyd he noght
1050 To schypp went they that tyde
They set vp sayle *and* forþe are gone
To Costantyne þe nobull towne
Also faste as they myght glyde

89

Also soone as s*yr* Emere wyste
1055 Welnere for sorowe hys herte breste
That he in schyppe can lende [232[d]
He bad s*yr* Mylys turne a gayne
Syr sampson and s*yr* Egravayne
For y wyll aftur wende
1060 Take an hundurd men of Armes bryȝt
And kepe my lady day *and* nyght
That ys curtes and hende
Say to hur y am on the see
Chasyng aftur myn olde enmye
1065 That slewe hur derrest frende

90

Syr Mylys seyde to þes hundurd all
Thys herytage to me wyll falle
My brodur comyþ neu*yr* a gayne
J wyll wedde the yonge bryde [S. 46
1070 He slepyd neuyr be hur syde
Nor hath hur not by layne

1069. wylle *R*.

All that wyll assent to me
Grete lordys schall they bee
To graunt hym þey were fayne
1075 Sampson seyde þ*at* wyll y neu*yr* doo
Falsehedd my lorde vn to
The same seyde Egravayne

91

All þey assentyd but they two
The todur parte was þe moo
1080 And þat was þere well seen
Soche wordys among þem can falle
They presyd a bowte s*yr* Sampson all
And slewe hym in that tene
They made s*yr* Eg*ra*veyne to swere soon
1085 Or þey wolde w*yth* hym þ*e* same haue done
To wete wyth owten wene
Sone a bere haue they ordeygned
And the dedd corse þer on leyde
The sorte was false and kene

92

1090 And seþyn to Rome þey hym broght
And tolde Florence worthyly wroght
That Emere laye there dedd
When þat sche had swowned twyes [233[a] [S. 47
And there aftur syghed thryes
1095 Sche wepyd in that stedd
Mylys seyde my lady fre
Thy cowncell wyll þ*at* y wedde þe
Hyt was my brodurs redd
Sche seyde y wyll weddyd bee
1100 To a lorde that neu*yr* schall dye
That preestys schewe in forme of bredd

1086. wote *K*.

93

Furste þen was my Fadur slayne
And now my lorde ys fro me tane
  Y wyll loue no ma
1105 But hym þ*at* boght me on þe rode
Wyth hys swete precyus blode
  To hym y wyll me ta
Then Mylys made xij armed knyȝt*ys*
To kepe the pales day and nyght*ys*
1110 Sche myght not come them fra
And also swythe s*yr* Egravayne
Went to þe pope þe soþe to sayne
  To telle he was full thra

94

How that Emere was ouyr þe see
1115 Chasyng Garcy to hys cuntre
  And Mylys wolde haue hys wyfe
He had a hundurd to hys assent [S. 48
And hyght þem londys lyþys *and* rente
  But Sampson hath loste hys lyfe
1120 And broght hym home vpon a bere
And tolde Florence hyt was Emere
  All Rome he hath made ryfe
And certys y am sworne þem too
Holy Fadur what schall y do
1125 That turned were all thys stryfe

95

Then þe Pope was not lothe
To assoyle hym of hys othe
  For hyt to Falsehed can clyne
Syr y schall telle þe a sekyr tale [233[b]
1130 Hyt ys bettur brokyn then hale
  J set my sowle for thyne

1108. seven *R*. — 1111. as *gestrichen nach* swythe *Hs*.

Than he gart arme of þe spyrytualte
And of the seculers hundurdys thre
Or euyr wolde he blynne
1135 To þe pales he made þem to brynge
For to dystroye that false weddyng
The matrymony was not fyne

96

All þ*at* they w*yth* false Mylys fonde
They bonde þem boþe fote *and* honde
1140 But they wolde slee not oon
Mylys set hys back to a pyllere [S. 49
And seyde all schulde dye þ*at* came hy*m* nere
But smartely was he tane
And put in an hye towre
1145 Be þe reuerence of þe Emp*er*owre
That was made of lyme and stane
And twenty of þes odur ay in a pytt
Jn stokkes and feturs for to sytt [1150
Or euyr Pope Symonde blanne

97

1150 Than þe Pope and Egravayne
To telle þe lady were full fayne
Hur lorde was on the see
To Costantyne the nobull strekk
All the lasse can sche recke
1155 Tho all bryghtenyd hur blee
They went to þe bere w*yth* owten wone
And caste vp þe clothe *and* sye sampson
That semely was to see [1160
They dud w*yth* hym as w*yth* þe dedd
1160 They beryed hym in a ryall stedd
Wyth grete solempnyte

1133. seculors *R.* — 1140. ane **R.* — 1141. backe *R.* — 1148. strokkes, *nachtr. korr. in* stokkes, *R.*

98

All thys whyle was s*yr* Emere
Chasyng Garcy as ye schall here
As the Romans tolde
1165 But Garcy had getyn hys pales before [233c [S. 50
And vetaylyd hyt w*yth* warme store
Hys wylys were full olde
Syr Emere set hys sege þer to [1170
Full doghtely þere can he doo
1170 That hardy was and bolde
Wyth men of Armes all a bowte
That he myght on no syde owte
But hamperde hym in hys holde

99

And þus þey segyd Garcy w*yth* strenkyth
1175 Jn hys pales large of lenkyth
The Romaynce had ther wylle
Of Costantyne þe nobull cyte
Jn ther poscesc*y*on for to bee [1180
That many oon lykyd ylle
1180 Syr Emere comawndyd eu*er*y man
To brooke wele þe tresur þ*at* þey wan
So myght they þer cofurs fylle
When s*yr* Garcy sawe all yede to schame
He callyd to Emere be hys name
1185 Downe at a wyndowe stylle

100

Syr he seyde also mote y the
Thou holdyst full wele þ*at* þ*ou* hyghtyst me
When y let the goo [1190
A geyn to Rome as men may lythe [S. 51
1190 Had y wetyn what schulde haue be sythe
Thou schuldyst not haue skapyd soo

1178. poscescon *R.* — 1189. Ayeyn *R.* — 1190. haue *fehlt R.*

But syn y qwyte claymed the þore
Ȝyt muste þou be of mercy more
Thou gr*a*unt þat hyt be soo
1195 ix thousand pownde y schall geue þe
To wende home to thy cuntre
And wyrke me no more woo

101

Nay be hym þat lorde ys beste [1200
Tyll y haue þys londe conqueste
1200 And efte be crowned newe
And yf my men wyll so als [233[d]
For y trowe þer be noon fals
And yf þer be þem selfe schall rewe
Synagot seyde be godys wayes
1205 He wyll holde that he says
He ys hardy and trewe
J rede we do vs in hys wylle
And ȝylde þys Empyre hym tylle [1210
Or he vs more bale brewe

102

1210 Ther ys not y vndurstonde
An hundurd knyghtys in þy londe
Moo then thou haste here
Slewe he þem not vp at Rome [S. 52
Jn euyll tyme we thedur come
1215 Or þat thy lore can lere
When þ*at* þou went Florence to wowe
Ouyr þe stremes þ*ou* madyste vs to rowe
And boght thy pryde full dere [1220
Many a chylde lefte þou thore
1220 Fadurles for euyr more
And wedows in cuntreys sere

1195. thowsand *R.* — 1210. o *in* vndurstande *durch angefangenes* a *geschrieben Hs.* — 1218. pride *R.* — 1219. left *R.*

103

There þey openyd þer ȝatys wyde
Syr Garcy came down þ*at* tyde
Wyth a drawyn swyrde in hys hande
1225 And wyth a keye of golde clere
And ȝyldyd vn to s*yr* Emere
Hyt sygnyfyed all the lande
They ledd yn hys baner w*yth* honowre [1230
And sett hyt on the hyest towre
1230 That þey castell fande
And soone vpon that odur day
They crowned hym Emp*er*owre y saye
Ther durste no man a genste hym stande

104

Then he gave londys to knyghtys kydde
1235 And newe men in offyce dydd
The lande to stabull and stere
He seyde vn to s*yr* Garcye [234[a] [S. 53
Syr ye muste wende home w*yth* me [1240
Yf that yowre wylle were
1240 For to see Rome wyth ynne
That ye wende some tyme to wynne
And Florence þat ys to me dere
Hyt schall turne yow to no grefe
Whether he were lothe or lefe
1245 Forthe they wente in fere

105

Soche a nave or þere was oon
Was neu*yr* seen but þat allone
When hyt was on the see [1250
Then Emere þoght on Mylys hys brodur
1250 And on Florence feyreste of odur
At them then wolde he bee

1226. yeldyd *R.* — 1230. they [in] c. *R.* — 1234. gaye *R.* — 1246. or þere *Hs.* as **R.* ther *R.*

He seyde vn to s*yr* Garcy
And to odyr lordys þ*at* stode hym by
To Hungary soone wyll wee
1255 Justamowynde for to forfare
And crowne Mylys my brodur þare
For kyndyst heyre ys hee

106

A messengere to londe wanne [1260
That some tyme rode *and* some tyme ranne
1260 Tyll he came Rome wyth ynne
He tolde Florence bryght of hewe [S. 54
How hys lorde was crownyd newe
And the Empyre can wynne
And wyth hym bryngyth olde Garcy
1265 The lady fayne was sche for thy
Sche was comyn of gentyll kynne
Sche gafe hym for hys newe tythandys
Worthe a baronry of landys [1270
Or euyr wolde sche blynne

107

1270 Lorde that ys bothe god and man
Gyf þe Emp*er*owre had wetyn þan
The treson of hys brodur
That he dud in hys absence
To Sampson and to feyre Florence [234[b]
1275 And Egravayne the todur
The lady went vp to a towre
Be reuerence of þe Emp*er*owre
And wyth hur many odur [1280
And toke hym downe þ*at* cursyd thefe
1280 That afturward dud hur grete grefe
Ther was neuyr no sawe sotheyr

1268. barony *R*.

108

The lady preyed s*yr* Egravayne
And odur lordys þat þey wolde layne
The treson of the knyght
1285 And all that he hath done to me [S. 55
All for geuyn schall hyt bee
For godys loue moste of myght
Sche set hym on a gode palfray [1290
And bad hym wende vpon hys way
1290 A genste hys brodur ryght
When that he came to the see
A false lesynge there made hee
Of Florence feyre and bryght

109

Syr Egravayne sadylde hys stede
1295 And hyed hym aftur a gode spede
He hopyd that he wolde lye
When Mylys sawe the Emp*er*owre
He felle downe in a depe fowre [1300
Fro hys hors so hye
1300 Emere seyde · Mylys what eylyth the
Syr thus thy wyfe hath dyght me
For y seyde y schulde hur be wrye
When y fonde Egravayne lygyng hur by
Jn preson put sche me for thy
1305 And sorowe hath made me to drye

110

The Emp*er*owre smote down w*yth* hys hedd
All hys yoye was fro hym revydd
Of Florence that he hadd [1310
All þe lykyng of hys longe trauayle [S. 56
1310 Was a way wyth owten fayle
Jn sorowe was he stadde [234c

1300. Emere, seyde Mylys, *R.* — 1304. yut, *nachtr. korr.*, *R.* — 1306. hevydd **R.*

All the lordys that were hym by
Recowmforde hym full kyndely
And bad hym not be a dradd
1315 Tyll we the sothe haue enqueryd
Bothe of lewde and of lernydd
Thes wordys ȝyt made hym gladd

111

Then came Egravayne w*yth* owten lees [1320
Faste prekynge in to the prees
1320 The sothe he wolde haue tolde
But Mylys owte w*yth* a swyrde kene
And wolde Eg*ra*vayne tene
But he a mantell can folde
Ofte sythys a bowte hys arme
1325 And kepyd hym wele fro any harme
That hardy was and bolde
The Emp*er*owre bad put þem insondur
And of yow schall bye þys blundur [1330
Whych hath the wronge in holde

112

1330 Syr Egravayne seyde *syr* now y schall
Telle yow a full sekyr tale
And ye wyll here hyt wele
Syr when ye went vn to þe see [S. 57
Ye lefte an hundurd men *and* vs thre
1335 Armed in yron and stele
To kepe Florence tyll ye came a gayne
And þ*at* made my brodur sampson slayne
And wroght hath myn vn hele [1340

113

Vnnethe were ye on the see
1340 When Mylys seyde here standyth he
That ye for euyr were gone

1324. Ofte, *nachtr. korr.*, *R.* — 1328. And, *nachtr. korr. in* Ane, *R.*

He seyde he wolde be Emp*er*owre
And wedde yowre lady whyte as flowre
That worthy ys yn wone
1345 He had an hundurd at hys assente
And hyght þem londys *and* ryche rente
That made syr Sampson slone
And broght hym home on a bere tree [1350
And tolde Florence that hyt was ye [234[d]
1350 Then made sche full grete moone

114

And when he wolde hur haue wedde
Faste away fro hym sche fledde
And wolde haue stolyn a waye
Then Mylys made to arme xij knyght*ys*
1355 To kepe þe place day *and* nyghtys
And wach a bowte hur lay
And certys y was to them sworne [S. 58
And ellys had my lyfe be lorne [1360
The certen sothe to saye
1360 J went to þe Pope *and* tolde hym sa
And he assoyled me a pena *et* culpa
Wyth owtyn any delay

115

Then he gart arme an hundurd clerkys
Doghty men and wyse of werkys
1365 To þe pales he can þem brynge
They bonde þe false boþe honde *and* fote
And in pryson caste þem god hyt wote
And þer yn cam þem thrynge [1370
And Florence let owt Mylys nowe
1370 For to wende a genste yow
Be Jh*es*u heuyn kynge

1350. Thon *R.* — 1363. ame, *nachtr. korr. in* amre [*lies* arme], *R.* — 1366. hond *R.* — 1368. can *R.*

Thys wyll wytnes pope Symond
He wolde not for a þousand pownde
Telle yow a lesynge

116

1375 Ye schall come home as y yow say
Be to morne that hyt be day
And thys was at the none
The Emp*er*owre in þys whylys [1380
Drewe a swyrde to s*yr* Mylys
1380 But lordys helde hym soone
He badd false traytur flee [S. 59
That þou neuyr þy brodur see
For wykkydly haste þou done
Euyn to Rome a geyne he rode
1385 Hastely wyth owten bode
Or euyr he wolde a wey gone

117

To feyre Florence can he saye
A lesyng þ*at* hur wele can paye [235[a] [1390
My lorde byddyth that ye schall
1390 Come a gayne hym in þe mornynge
Blythe þer of was þ*at* maydyn ȝynge
And trowed hys false tale
Sche sente to the pope ou*yr* nyght
And bad he schulde be tymely dyght
1395 Wyth mony a cardynale
And sche ordeygned hur meyne als
And went w*yth* hym þat was false
And passyd bothe downe and dale [1400

118

When þey came w*yth* owte the cyte
1400 Mylys seyde my lady free
We two muste ryde faste

1383. hast *R*.

And let the pope *and* hys meyne
Come be hynde the and me
For thus then ys my caste
1405 That þou may speke w*yth* my lorde þy fylle [S. 60
And wyth Garcy wykkyd of wylle
And be nothynge agaste
For when þe Emp*er*owre þe Pope can see [1410
Mekyll speche wyll ther bee
1410 And þat full longe wyll laste

119

Mylys sche seyde god ȝylde hyt the
That y soone my lorde may see
Thou makyste me full fayne
The ryght wey lay euyn este
1415 And he lad hur sowthe weste
And thus he made hys trayne
Tyll þey came downe in a depe gylle
The lady seyde we ryde ylle [1420
Thes gat*ys* þey are vngayne
1420 J rede we lyght vn to þe grownde
And byde owre Fadur þe pope a stownde
He seyde nay be goddys payne

120

Thou schalt hym see neuyr mare
Tho þe lady syghed wondur sare
1425 And felle of on hur palfray [235 b
He bete hur wy*th* hys nakyd swyrde
And sche caste vp many a rewfull rerde
And seyde ofte wele a saye [1430
Schall y neuyr my lorde see [S. 61
1430 No be god that dyed on tre
The false traytur can saye

1413. makyst *R.* — 1428. Wele a saye, *nachtr. korr. in* Weleawaye, *R.*

Vp he hur caste *and* forþe þey rode
Hastely w*yth* owten any a bode
Thys longe somers day

121

1435 They were nyghtyd in a wode thyck
A logge made that trayt*ur* wyck
Vndur nethe a tree
There he wolde haue leyn hur by [1440
And sche made hur preyer specyally
1440 To god and mary and free
Let neuyr thys false fende
My body nodur schame nor schende
Myghtfull in mageste
Hys lykyng vanysched all a way
1445 On þe morne when hyt was day
Ther horsys bothe dyght hee

122

Vp he hur caste *and* forthe þey rode
Thorow a foreste longe and brode [1450
That was feyre and grene
1450 Tyll eyder odur mekyll care
The lady hungurd wondur sare
That was bryght and schene
Sche had leuyr a lofe of bredd [S. 62
Then mekyll of þe golde redd
1455 That sche be fore had seen
To hyt drewe to þe euenynge
Then they herde a belle rynge [1460
Thorow þe grace þ*at* godd can lene

123

1460 A holy Armyte fownde he there
To greve god full loþe hym were
For he had seruyd hym aye

1440. Mary free **R*. — 1453. She *R*.

Thedur they wente to aske mete
The Armyte seyde soche as y ete [235 c
Ye schall haue dere damysell y say
1465 A barly lofe he broght hur too
And gode watur full fayne was scho
That swete derworthe maye
Therof the yonge lady ete [1470
Sche thoght neu*yr* noon so swete
1470 Be nyght nodur be day

124

Mylys ete ther of als
He seyde hyt stekyth in my hals
J may not gete hyt downe
Chorle god yf þe schames dedd
1475 Brynge vs of thy bettur bredd
Or y schall crake thy crowne
Be god he seyde þat boght me dere [S. 63
J had no bettur thys .vij. yere [1480
The wykkyd man þo made hym bowne
1480 Jn at the dore he hym bete
And sethyn fyre vpon hym sete
Ferre fro euery towne

125

The holy Armyte brente he thare
And lefte that bygly hows full bare
1485 That semely was to see
The lady be ganne to crye *and* ȝelle
And seyde traytur þ*ou* schalt be in helle
There euyr to wonne and bee [1490
He made þe lady to swere an othe
1490 That sche schulde not telle for lefe nor loþe
Neuyr in no cuntre
Fro whens þ*ou* came nor what þ*ou* ys
Nor what man broght þe fro þy blysse
Or here y schall brenne the

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1495 To make þat othe þe lady was fayne
And þere he wolde by hur haue layne
But sche preyed god to be hur schylde
And ryght as he was at assaye [1500
Hys lykyng vanyscht all a waye [235[d]
1500 Thorow þe myght of mary mylde
Tymely as the day can dawe [S. 64
He led hur thorow a feyre schawe
Jn wodes waste and wylde
Euyn at vndurne lyghtyd he
1505 Downe vndur a chesten tre
The feyrest in that fylde

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He seyde þou haste wychyd me
J may not haue to do w*yth* the [1510
Vn do or thou schalt a bye
1510 Sche answeryd hym w*yth* mylde mode
Thorow g*ra*ce of hym þ*at* dyed on rode
False traytur thou schalt lye
He bonde hur be þe tresse of þe heere
And hangyd hur on a tre there
1515 That ylke feyre bodye
He bete hur w*yth* a ʒerde of byrke
Hur nakyd flesche tyll he was yrke
Sche gaf many a rewfull crye [1520

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There was a lorde þ*at* hyght Tyrry
1520 Wonned a lytyll there by
Jn a foreste syde
Thedur was he comyn þ*at* day
W*yth* hawkys *and* howndys hym for to play
Jn that wode so wyde

1502. her *R.*

1525 He harde the crye of þ*at* lady free [S. 65
Thedur he went and hys meyne
Also faste as þey myght ryde
When Mylys was warre of þer comy*n*g [1530
He lepe on hys hors *and* forthe can spryng
1530 And durste no lenger byde

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The feyrest palfrey lefte he there
And hur selfe hangyd be the heere
And hur ryche wede
Hur sadull *and* hur brydull schone
1535 Set wyth mony a precyus stone [236[a]
The feyrest in that thede
Sche was the feyrest creature
And ther to whyte as lylly flowre [1540
Jn Romance as we rede
1540 Hur feyre face hyt schone full bryght
To se hyt was a semely syght
Tyll hur full faste they yede

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Then þey lowsyd hur feyre faxe
That was ȝelowe as the waxe
1545 And schone also as golde redd
Sche myȝt not speke þe romance seyde
On a lyter they hur leyde
And to the Castell hur ledd [1550
They bathyd hur in erbys ofte [S. 66
1550 And made hur sore sydes softe
For almoste was sche dedd
They fed hur w*yth* full ryche fode
And all þyng þ*at* hur nede stode
They seruyd hur in that stedd

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1555 The lorde comawndyd hys men eu*er*ychon
That tyþyng*vs* of hur þey shulde spere noon
Nor ones aske of whens sche were
Vn to the stabull they ledd hur stede [1560
And all hur odur gere þey dud lede
1560 Vn to a chaumbur dere
The lorde had a doghtur feyre
That hyght Betres schulde be hys heyre
Of vysage feyre and clere
To Florence they can hur kenne
1565 To lerne hur to be haue hur among men
They lay to gedur in fere

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Jn bedd to gedur w*yth* owte lesynge
Florence that was feyre *and* ȝynge [1570
Yf any many hur be soght
1570 Of loue sche gaf them soche answare
That þey wolde neu*yr* aske hur mare
That was so worthely wroght [236b
Sche preyed to god þ*at* boght hur dere [S. 67
To sende hur sownde to s*yr* Emere
1575 That hur full dere had boght
Be that he was comyn to Rome
He thoght hyt a full carefull come
Where sche was he wyste noght [1580

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1580 Off Garcy y wyll telle yow mare
That was cawser of hur euyll fare
And cawsyd hur Fadur to be slayne
Emere vengyd well hys dedd
And broght hym fro hys strenkyþfull stedd
To grete Rome a gayne

1556. sper *R.*

1585 There lykyd hym noght to bee
And soone there aftur dyed he
The sothe ys not to layne
Sche sawe hym neu*yr* w*yth* hur eye
That cawsyd hur all þ*at* sorowe to drye [1590
1590 Of hur haue we to sayne

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Wyth s*yr* Turry dwellyd a knyght
That hardy was *and* Machary he hyght
He was bolde as any bare
To hys lemman he wolde haue had þ*at* bryght
1595 And spyed hur bothe day and nyght
Ther of came mekyll care
Tyll hyt be felle vpon a day [S. 68
Jn hur chaumbur stode that maye [1600
To hur than can he fare
1600 He leyde hur downe on hur bedd
The lady wepyd sore for dredd
Sche had no socowre thare

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Before hur bedd lay a stone
The lady toke hyt vp anon
1605 And toke hyt yn a gethe
On þe mowþe sche hym hyt
That hys for tethe owte he spytt
A bove and also be nethe [236[c] [1610
Hys mowthe hys nose braste owt on blood
1610 Forthe at þe chaumbur dore he ȝode
For drede of more wrethe

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And to hys chaumber he hyed hym ryȝt
And dwellyd forthe a fowrtenyght
And then he came a gayne

1615 And tolde hys lorde þ*at* he was schent
Euyll betyn in a turnement
The sothe ys not to layne
The tethe be smetyn owt of my mowþe [1620
Therfore my sorowe ys full cowthe
1620 Me had leuyr to be slayne
He wolde haue be vengyd of þ*at* dede [S. 69
Florence myght full sore hur drede
Had sche wetyn of hys trayne

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A scharpe knyfe he had hym boght
1625 Of yron and stele well y wroght
That bytterly wolde byte
And euyn to hur chaumbur he ȝode
And vp be hynde a curten he stode [1630
Ther of came sorowe and syte
1630 When he wyste they were on slope
To betres throte can he grope
Jn sonder he schare hyt tyte
And ȝyt the thefe or he wolde leeue
He put the hafte in Florence neeve
1635 For sche schulde haue the wyte

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Forthe at þe chaumber dore he ȝode
And betres lay burlyng in hur blode
And Florence slepyd faste [1640
Hur Fadur thoght in a vysyon
1640 Hys doghtur schulde be strekyn downe
Wyth a thonder blaste
And as a þyck leyȝtenyng a bowte hur ware
Vp he starte wyth mekyll care
And a kyrtell on he caste
1645 A candyll at a lawmpe he lyght [S. 70
And to hur chaumber reykyd he ryght
Thorowly on he thraste [236[d]

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And fonde Betres hys doghtur dedd [1650
The bedd was full of blode redd
1650 And a knyfe in Florence hande
He callyd on Eglantyne hys wyfe
Knyghtys and ladyes came be lyfe
Wondur sore wepeande
Gentyll wemen sore dud wepe
1655 And euyr can feyre Florence slepe
That was so feyre to fande
Sche glyste vp w*yth* þe hedeows store
A sorowfull wakenyng had sche þore [1660
Soche a nodur was neuyr in lande

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1660 A bowte the bedd they presyd thyck
Among þem came þ*at* traytur wyck
The whych had done that dede
He seyde s*yr* y schall set a stake
W*yth* owte þe towne a fyre to make
1665 And Florence thedur lede
Ye myght see be hur feyre clothyng
That sche was no erthely thynge
And be hur grete feyre hede [1670
But some false fende of helle [S. 71
1670 Ys comyn þy doghtur for to qwelle
Let me quyte hur hur mede

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They dyȝt hur on þe morne in sympull a tyre
And led hur forthe vn to the fyre
Many a oon wyth hur ȝede
1675 Sche seyde god of myghtys moost
Fadur and sone and holy goost
As y dud neuyr thys dede

1672. atyr *R.*

Yf y gyltles be of thys [1680
Brynge me to þy bygly blys
1680 For thy grete godhede
All that eu*yr* on hur can see
Wrange þer hond*ys* for grete pyte
And farde as they wolde wede

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The lorde that had þe doghtur dedd
1685 Hys herte turned in that stedd
To wepe he can be gynne [237[a]
He seyde Florence also mote y the
J may not on thy dethe see [1690
For all the worlde to wynne
1690 To hur chaumbur he can hur lede
And cled hur in hur own wede
And seyde y holde hyt synne
They set hur on hur own palfraye [S. 72
Jn all hur nobull ryche arraye
1695 Or euyr wolde he blynne

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And gaf hur þe brydull in hur hande
And broght hur to þe wode þere he hur fande
And than he lefte hur thare [1700
And be taght hur god *and* gode day
1700 And bad hur wende on hur way
And then sche syghed sare
Syr sche seyde for charyte
Let none of þy men folowe me
To worche me no more care
1705 Nay for god he seyde noon schulde
For ix tymes thy weyght of golde
Home then can he fare

1692. hold *R.* — 1697. ther *R.*

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Thorow þe foreste the lady rode [1710
All glemed there sche glode
1710 Tyll sche came in a felde
Sche sawe men vndur a galows stande
Thedur þey ledd a thefe to hange
To them then can sche helde
And haylesed them full curteslye
1715 They askyd fro whens sche came in hye
That worthy was to welde
Sche seyde ye schall wete of me no mare [S. 73
But as a woman dyscownfortyd sare [1720
Wyth owten bote or belde

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1720 No leuyng lefe wyth me y haue
Wolde ye gr*a*unt me to be my knaue
The thefe that ye thynke to hynge
The more buxvm wyll he bee
That he were borowyd fro þe galow tree
1725 J hope be heuyn kynge [237 b
Then ther councell toke thay
They were lothe to seye hur nay
Sche was so feyre a thynge [1730
They gaf hym to hur of þer gyfte
1730 He was full lothe to leeve hys thefte
Sche thankyd þem olde *and* ȝynge

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Sche seyde wolde þ*ou* serue me wele
J schulde the quyte euery dele
He seyde to hur ȝaa
1735 Ellys were y a grete fole
And worthy to be drowned in a pole
The galowse þou delyuyrd me fra

1713. can *gestrichen und durch Über- und Unterpunktirung wieder hergestellt Hs. fehlt R.*

Sche thynkyth myȝt y come ouyr þe see [1740
At Jerusalem wolde y bee
1740 Thedur to ryde or ga
Then myȝt y spyr tythand*ys* of Rome [S. 74
And of my lordys home come
But now wakenyth hur waa

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A burges that was the thefys reyset
1745 At the townes ende he þem mett
The lady rode ouyr an hylle
J wende þou hadyst be hangyd hye
And he twynkylde wyth hys eye [1750
As who seyth holde the stylle
1750 Thys Gentyll woman hath borowed me
For y schulde hur knaue bee
And serue hur at hur wylle
And sythyn he rowned in hys eere
J be hete the all þys ryche gere
1755 Thy hows y wyll brynge hur tylle

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He led hur vp in to the towne
At þys burges hows he toke hur downe
There was hur harburgerye [1760
On the hye deyse he hur sett
1760 And mete *and* drynke he hur fett
Of the wyne redd as cherye
The burges wyfe welcomed hur ofte
Wyth mylde wordys and wyth softe
And bad hur ofte be merye
1765 Tho two false wyth grete yre [237c [S. 75
Stode *and* behelde hur ryche a tyre
And be ganne to lagh *and* flyre

1745. end *R.* — 1758. *das zweite* r *in* harburgerye *durch ein zuerst gesetztes* g *geschrieben Hs.* — 1767. flerye **R.*

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The burges wyfe wyste ther þoght [1770
And seyde in feythe ye do for noght
1770 Yf so be that y may
At nyght to Chaumbur sche hur ledd
And sparryd the dore and went to bedd
All nyght to gedur theẏ laye
Sche calde on Clarebolde hur knaue
1775 A lytyll errande for sothe y haue
At the see so graye
Yf any schepe wende ouyr þe streme
To the Cyte of Jerusalem [1780
Gode sone wytt me to saye

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1780 Clarebalde seyde the burges tylle
Thys nyght had we not owre wylle
We muste caste a nodur wyle
To the see they went in fere
And solde hur to a marynere
1785 Wyth ynne a lytyll whyle
On covenawnt sche ys þe feyrest þynge
That euyr ye sye olde or ȝynge
And he at them can smyle [1790
So mekyll golde for hur he hyght [S. 76
1790 That hyt passyd almoost hur weyght
On eyther parte was gyle

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Take here the golde in a bagg
J schall hyt hynge on a knagg
At the schypp borde ende
1795 When ye haue broght that clere
Put vp yowre hande *and* take hyt here
Aftur hur can they wende

1769. we, *nachtr. korr. in* ye, *R.* — 1779. w *in* wytt *durch* t *geschrieben Hs.* — 1784. sold *R.*

They seyde a schypp ys hyred to þe [1800
That wyll to Jerusalem ouyr þe see
1800 Sche þankyd þem as sche was hende
Sche gaf þe burges wyfe hur palfray
Wyth sadyll *and* brydyll þe soþe to say
And kyste hur as hur frende

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Alther furste to þe kyrke sche went [237[d]
1805 To here a masse verament
And preyed god of hys grace
That he wolde bryng hur to þ*at* ryke
That euyr more ys yoye in lyke [1810
Be fore hys worthy face
1810 And or sche dyed Emere to see
That hur own lorde schulde bee
Jn Rome that ryall place
To þe schypp þey went in fere [S. 77
And be toke hur to þe marynere
1815 That louely vndur lace

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They toke þe bagg þey went hyt had be golde
And had hyt home in to þ*er* holde
They lokyd *and* þen hyt was ledd [1820
The Burges seyde to Clarebalde
1820 Thou haste made a sory frawde
God gyf þe schames dedd
For certenly w*yth* owten wene
Thou haste be gyled a lady schene
And made hur euyll of redd
1825 To the see hyed they faste
The sayle was vp vn to þe maste
And remeuyd was fro þ*at* stedd

1823. hast *R.*

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All men *þat* to þe schypp can longe [1830
They went Florence to leman haue fonge
1830 Ylke oon aftur odur had done
But þey faylyd of ther praye
Thorow *gra*ce of god *þat* myght*ys* maye
That schope bothe sonne *and* moone
Sche calde on Clarebalde hur knave
1835 The marynere seyde y hope ye rave
And tolde how he had doone
Sche p*ra*yde god schulde hym for geue [S. 78
A dreryar woman myȝt noon leeue [1840
Vndur heuyn trone

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1840 The marynere set hur on hys bedd
Sche had soone aftur a byttur spredd [238[a]
The schypp sayled be lyve
He seyde damysell y haue þe boght
For þou art so worþely wroght
1845 To wedde the to my wyve
Sche seyde nay that schall not bee
Thorow helpe of hym in trynyte
That suffurde woundys fyve [1850
Jn hys Armes he can hur folde
1850 Hur rybbes crakyd as þey breke wolde
Jn struglynge can they stryve

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Sche seyde lady mary free
Now thou haue mercy on me
Thou faylyst me neuyr at nede

1832. may *R.* — 1835. marynar *R.* — 1836. hade *R.* — 1838. dreryer *R.* — 1840. maryner *R.* — 1841. hadd *R.*

1855 Here my errande as þou well may
That y take no schame to day
Nor lose my maydyn hede
Then be ganne þe storme to ryse [1860
And that vpon a dolefull wyse
1860 The marynere rose and yede
He hyed to the toppe of þe maste [S. 79
They stroke þe sayle þe gabuls braste
They hyed them a bettur spede

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He seyde but yf þys storme blynne
1865 All mvn be drowned þ*at* be here ynne
Then was that lady fayne
Sche had leuyr to haue be dedd
Then þere to haue loste hur maydyn hedd [1870
Or he had hur by layne
1870 Then þe schypp clave in sondur
All þ*at* was yn hyt soone went vndur
And drowned boþe man *and* swayne
The yonge lady in that tyde
Fletyd forþe on þe schyp syde
1875 Vn to a roche vn gayne

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The marynere sate vpon an are
But nodur wyste of odur fare
The todur were drowned perde [1880
The lady steppyd to a ston [238b
1880 Sche fonde a tredd *and* forþe ys gon
Loudyng the Trynyte
To a noonre men calle Beu*er*fayre
That stondyþ on þe wat*ur* of Botayre
That rennyth in to þe grekys see

1882. *und sonst* Ben*er*fayre ? *Hs.*

1885 A stepull then the lady sye [S. 80
Sche þoght þe wey þedur full drye
And ther at wolde sche bee

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Syr Lucyus Jbarnyus was Fownder þere [1890
An hundurd nonnes þer yn were
1890 Of ladyes wele lykeande
When that sche came nere þe place
The bellys range þorow godys *gra*ce
Wyth owten helpe of hande
Of seynt Hyllary þe churche ys
1895 The twenty day of ȝowle y wys
As ye may vndurstande
They lokyd *and* sawe no leuyng wyght
But the lady feyre and bryght [1900
Can in the Cloystur stande

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1900 The Abbas be þe honde hur toke
And ladd hur forþe so seyth þe boke
Sche was redd for ronne
Sche knelyd downe be fore þe crosse
And looueyd god w*yth* mylde voyce
1905 That sche was thedur wonne
They askyd hur yf sche had ony fere
Sche seyde nay now noon here
Leueyng vndur the sonne [1910
Sche askyd an hows for charyte [S. 81
1910 They broght an habyte to þat fre
And þere sche was made nonne

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The lady þ*at* was boþe gode *and* feyre
Dwellyd as nonne in beuerfayre
Loueyng god of hys loone

1887. thereat *R.* — 1901. Annd *R.* — 1914. loone, *für angebliches* loove [*vielmehr* looue, *was von* loone *kaum zu unterscheiden ist*] *der Hs.*, **R.*

1915 And hys modur mary bryght
That safe *and* sownde broght hur ryght
Vn to the roche of stone [238c
A systur of þe hows was seke [1920
Of the gowte *and* odur euyls eke
1920 Sche myȝt not speke nor goon
Florence vysyted hur on a day
And helyd hur or sche went a way
Sche wolde þer had wytten þ*er* of none

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The Abbas *and* odur nonnes by
1925 Tolde hyt full openlye
That hyt was so verraye
There was noon syke nor sare
That come þere þe lady ware [1930
But they went sownde a way
1930 The worde sprang in mony a cu*n*tre
And in to Rome the ryche cyte
There hur lorde in laye
Whych had an euyll in hys hedd S. 82
That all hys yoye was fro hy*m* revedd
1935 Bothe be nyght and daye

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He was so tuggelde in a toyle
For he werryd on the kyng of poyle
And he on hym a gayne [1940
And as he schulde hys helme avente
1940 A quarell smote hym verament
Thorow owt bothe bonne *and* brayne
The leche had helyd hyt ouyr tyte
And hyt was festurd w*yth* owte delyte
Ther yn he had grete payne

1927. Ther *R.* — 1933. hevedd **R.*

1945 He had leuyr then all hys golde
That he had ben vndur þe molde
    Or slyly had be slayne

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He calde Egravayne hym too [1950
And seyde what ys beste to do
1950 Myn euyll encresyth ȝerne
Syr at Beu*er*feyre dwellyþ a nonne
The weyes thedur we ne conne
    But we schall spyr and lerne
Mekyll golde w*yth* them they toke
1955 And went forthe so seyth þe boke [238[d]
    Preuely and derne
And ȝyt for all þer mekyll fare [S. 83
Hyt was a grete whyle or þey came þare [1960
    Thogh all they hastyd ȝerne

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1960 The Emp*er*owre toke hys ynne þere by
Alther next the nonnery
    For þere then wolde he dwelle
And Mylys hys brod*ur* þ*at* *gra*celes fole
Dwellyd w*yth* oon Gyllam of pole
1965 And was woxyn a fowle meselle
He harde telle of that lady lele
And þedur was comyn to seeke hys hele
    The certen sothe to telle [1970
He harberde hym far ther fro
1970 All be hynde men y telle yow soo
    Hys sekenes was so felle

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And Machary was comyn alse
A genste the lady þ*at* was so false
    That slewe betres *and* put hyt hur too

1951. Beverfayre *R.* — 1960. therby *R.*

1975 God had sende on hym a wrake
That in the palsye can he schake
And was crompylde *and* crokyd þer to
He had getyn s*yr* Tyrry thedur [1980
And hys wyfe bothe to gedur
1980 Dame Eglantyne hyght schoo
The holy nonne for to praye [S. 84
For to hele hym *and* sche maye
That oght sche euyll to doo

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Syr Tyrrye the Chastlayne
1985 Harbarde the Emp*er*owre full gayne
On the todur syde of þe strete
And þe Marynere þ*at* had hur boght
That wolde haue had hur hys leman to a wroȝt [1990
That on the ore can flete
1990 He came thedur w*yth* an euyll
Hyppyng on two stavys lyke þe deuyll
Wyth woundys wanne and wete
And clarebalde þat was the thefe [239[a]
Came w*yth* an euyll þ*at* dud hym grefe
1995 Thes iiij there all can meete

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The Emp*er*owre to the church went
To here a masse in gode entent
Hende as ye may here [2000
When þat the masse was done
2000 The Abbas came *and* haylesyd hym soone
On hur beste manere
The Emp*er*owre seyde well þou bee
The holy nonne wolde y see
That makyth þe syke thus fere

1978. geten *R.* — 1987. had *fehlt R.* — 1991. devyll, *angeblich für* deyll, **R.*

2005 An euyll in my hedd smetyn ys [S. 85
That y haue loste all odur blys
They sente aftur that clere

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At hur preyers þere as sche ware [2010
When sche sawe hur own lorde þare
2010 Sche knewe hym wele y nogh
So dud he hur he wolde not so saye
A bowte þe Cloystur goon are thay
Spekynge of hys woghe
Then was sche warre of þe IIJ þare
2015 That had kyndylde all hur care
Nere to them sche droghe
They knewe hur not be no kyns thynge
Ther of thankyd sche heuyn kynge [2020
And lyghtly at them loghe

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2020 Mylys that hur a weye ledd
He was the fowlest mesell bredd
Of pokkys and bleynes bloo
And Machary þ*at* wolde hur haue slayne
He stode schakyng the sothe to sayne
2025 Crokyd and crachyd ther too
The Marynere þ*at* wolde haue layne hur by
Hys yen stode owte a strote for thy
Hys lymmes were roton hym froo [2030
They put Clarebalde in a whelebarowe [S. 86
2030 That strong thefe be stretys narowe
Had no fote on to goo

2013. Spekyng *R*. — 2017. knew *R*. — 2026. maryner *R*.

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Sche seyde ye that wyll be hale [239[b]
And holly broght owt of yowre bale
Of that ye are ynne
2035 Ye muste schryue yow openlye
And that wyth a full lowde crye
To all þ*at* be here boþe more *and* mynne
That they þoght full lothe to doo [2040
Mylys seyde syth hyt muste be soo
2040 Soone schall y be gynne
J lykyd neu*yr* wele day nor nyght
Syth y ledd a wey a lady bryght
From kythe and all hur kynne

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Than he seyde to them verament
2045 How he þe lady wolde haue schent
And tolde them to the laste
And þ*at* he wolde haue be Emp*er*owre
And weddyd þe lady whyte as flowre [2050
And all hys false caste
2050 And sythe a wey he can hur lede
For y wolde haue refte fro hur hur maydyn hede
That sche defendyd faste
J had neu*yr* wyth hur to doo [S. 87
For y myght not wynne hur to
2055 But clene fro me sche paste

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And sythyn he tolde þem of þe barley bredd
And how he brent þe armyte to dedd
And hangyd hur vp be the hare [2060
Then y sye men and howndys bathe
2060 And to the wode y went for wrathe
There Tyrry gaf answare

2032. th *nach* seyde *gestrichen Hs.* — 2035. must *R.*

Then came y and toke hur downe
And had hur w*yth* me vn to þe towne
And that rewyd me full sare
2065 Sche slewe Betres my doghtur schene
That schulde my ryght heyre haue bene
And ȝyt let y hur fare

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For sche was so bryght of blee [2070
And so semely on to see
2070 Therfore let y hur goo [239c
Then Machary for he muste nede
Sche dyd me oonys an euyll dede
My harte was wondur throo
When y wolde haue leyn hur by
2075 My for tethe smote sche owt for þy
That wakenyd all my woo
J slewe betres w*yth* a knyfe [S. 88
For y wolde sche had loste hur lyfe [2080
Trewly hyt was soo

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2080 Then Tyrry farde as he wolde wede
And seyde false trayt*ur* dyd þ*ou* þ*at* dede
Then wepyd dame Eglantyne
And seyde allas þ*at* we came here
Thys false traytur for to fere
2085 That wroght vs all þys pyne
Ȝyt y am warse for þ*at* feyre maye
That was so vnfrendely flemed a way
And was gyltles ther ynne [2090
Clarebalde seyde sche came be me
2090 J stode vndur a galowe t[illegible]e
And a rope a bowte hals myne

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Fro þe galowse sche borowed me
For y schulde hur knave haue bee
And s*er*ue hur to hur paye
2095 We were to gedur but oon nyȝt
At the see y solde that bryght
On the seconde day
Then spake þe Marynere þ*at* hur boȝt [2100
When y wolde hur to wyfe haue wroȝt
2100 Soone sche seyde me naye
Sche brake my schypp w*yth* a tempeste [S. 89
Sche fletyd sowþe *and* y north weste
And syth sawe y neu*yr* that maye

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Vpon an ore to londe y wanne
2105 And eu*yr* syth haue be a drery man
And neuyr had happe to hele
And syth y haue be in sorowe *and* syte
Me þynkyth we iiij be in febull plyte [2110
That cawsyd hur to wante hur wylle [239[d]
2110 Sche handylde þem w*yth* hur hande
Then were þey hoole y vndurstande
And odur folke full feele
Hur own lorde alther laste
The venome owt of hys hedd braste
2115 Thus can sche w*yth* them dele

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The venome braste owt of hys ere
He seyde y fynde yow iiij in fere
Hys herte was full throo [2120
He made to make a grete fyre
2120 And caste þem yn w*yth* all þer tyre
Then was the lady woo

2098. maryner *R.* — 2114. venom *R.* — 2117. fynd *R.*

J meene be thes IIIJ fekyll
That harmed feyre florence so mykyll
The trewest that men kende
2185 And þus endyth þys Romance gode
Jhesu that boght vs on the rode [240b
Vn to hys blysse vs sende

Amen


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